

Item # 59  
May 25, 2006

**RESOLUTION NO. 20060525-**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin provides pharmacy benefits to its employees and retirees, and enters into contracts with pharmacy providers in order to implement such pharmacy benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is important to ensure that City employees and retirees will obtain their prescriptions promptly and efficiently when they present prescriptions at a contracted pharmacy; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

That the City Manager, or other authorized designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a policy that requires that any City contract with a pharmacy, or for pharmacy services, includes a provision subject to the foregoing and all applicable law, ensuring that the Pharmacy will not refuse to fill a prescription. In the event an individual pharmacist declines to fill a prescription based on sincerely held religious belief rather than professional judgment, the store's pharmacy manager will take necessary steps to arrange to have the prescription filled in-store, without discrimination or delay (in the normal time frame for filling prescriptions that are in stock).

**ADOPTED:** May 25, 2006

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Gentry

City Clerk

